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In re Application of: Wolf, Shane

Serial No.: 09/923,113

Group Art Unit: 3732

Filed: August 6, 2001

Examiner: T. Manahan

For: Stress Relieving Gel Handle Tools For Salon And Spa

Response Pursuant To 37 C.F.R. 1.116

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

This request for reconsideration is made in light of the fact that the present, final office action contains Examiner's reasoning in support of an obviousness rejection, which reasoning was not earlier presented. This then, is the first opportunity for the applicant to respond to the Examiner on this point. The Examiner and applicant have a joint obligation to develop clear issues of rejection before, not concurrent with, the final office action or appeal (MPEP 706.07). In view of this, the applicant urges the Examiner to consider the following remarks which are believed to demonstrate that the application is in a condition for allowance or at least clarify issues for appeal should the rejection be maintained.

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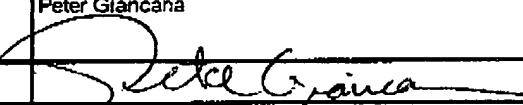
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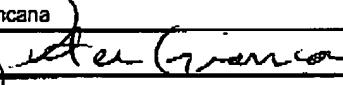
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1202 18	2202 9	Claims in excess of 20		
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1812 2,520	1812 2,520	For filing a request for ex parte reexamination			
1804 920*	1804 920*	Requesting publication of SIR prior to Examiner action			
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1251 110	2251 55	Extension for reply within first month			
1252 410	2252 205	Extension for reply within second month			
1253 930	2253 465	Extension for reply within third month			
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1401 320	2401 160	Notice of Appeal			
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1403 280	2403 140	Request for oral hearing			
1451 1,510	1451 1,510	Petition to institute a public use proceeding			
1452 110	2452 55	Petition to revive - unavoidable			
1453 1,300	2453 650	Petition to revive - unintentional			
1501 1,300	2501 650	Utility issue fee (or reissue)			
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